(b) whether the responsibility for the incident has been fixed on any personnel of the BSF; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The circumstances leading to the death of 16 BSF personnel on the Indo-Bangladesh border have been looked into and no member of BSF personnel is considered responsible for the incident.

Autonomy to the Tribes of Plains of Assam

2267. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Sixth Schedule of the constitution to give autonomy to some more tribes of the plains of Assam;

(b) if so, whether all the plains tribal of Assam going to be benefited by it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D SWAMI): (a) to (c) The Tripartite peace talks to find a solution to Bodo issue in Assam, are continuing. These include a proposal of the Assam Government to create an Autonomous Council under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution in Bodo dominated areas in a modified form. This will benefit the tribals living only in the proposed BTC area.

CBI cell for Kidnapping

†2268. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI has set up a special cell for investigation into the cases of kidnapping of minor girls and boys;

(b) the number of cases registered since the date of its inception and till the end of 2001;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the state-wise details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to take any specific steps to strengthen this cell set up by CBI; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (e) CBI has not set up any Cell for investigation of kidnapping of minor children. However, CBI has constituted a Special Cell known as 'Criminal Intelligence Cell' with Head Quarters at New Delhi *vide* Office Order No. 21/22/99-PD dated 13.9.99 in compliance with orders dated 11.5.99 & 30.8.99 of High Court of Delhi for setting up a Computerised Data Bank on an All India basis regarding Professional Gangs involved in kidnapping of minors for begging, kidnapping of girls and women for prostitution and kidnappings committed for ransom. The object behind formation of this cell is to create an all India data base in respect of Professional Gangs involved in the kidnapping of minors for begging, kidnapping of girls and women for prostitution and kidnappings committed for ransom. However, this Cell does not conduct investigation, but collects, collates and disseminates information to investigating agencies of States/UTs.

No case has been registered in the Cell because the Cell has been constituted only for the purpose of collecting the requisite data on an all India basis and to disseminate this data amongst State/Union Territories.

Meeting of Punjab MLAs with the PM and Deputy Prime Minister

2269. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of 32 MLA from Punjab had recently met the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister also to lodge their protest over plans of the NDA Government to send a team to the State of Punjab over the deteriorating law and order situation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what are the circumstances which led the Government of India to depute its team to Punjab?